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1. AT JULY 23 NAC, UK CHARGE LOGAN SAID LONDON COULD NOW ACCEPT DECEMBER 11-12 AS DATES FOR FALL NAC MINISTERIAL. ASYG PANSA WELCOMED REPORT THAT LONDON COULD JOIN CONSENSUS AND SUGGESTED IT NOW APPEARED THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION AND THESE DATES WERE ACCEPTABLE TO THE COUNCIL. AMBASSADOR BRUCE INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT AFTER YESTERDAY'S INFORMAL MEETING OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (JULY 22 PERMREPS LUNCH) HE WAS INFORMED OF A POTENTIAL PROBLEM THAT HAD ARISEN FOR THE US GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE DECEMBER 11-12 DATES FOR THE FALL NAC MINISTERIAL. BRUCE SAID HE HOPED WASHINGTON WOULD BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THIS DIFFICULTY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, BUT IN THE MEANTIME HE HAD TO RESERVE THE US POSITION.

2. COMMENT; AS REPORTED IN REF A, US REP AT JULY 22 PERMREPS LUNCH CARRIED OUT DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF C BEFORE WE WERE INFORMED THAT AMENDED INSTRUCTIONS (REF B) WERE ENROUTE TO US. THE US IS THEREFORE IN THE AWKWARD POSITION THAT AFTER INFORMALLY CONCURRING IN DECEMBER 11-12 TO OUR ALLIES, WE ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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NOW THE ONLY COUNTRY WHICH IS HOLDING UP AGREEMENT TO THESE DATES. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT WASHINGTON AUTHORIZE US TO LIFT THIS RESERVATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE, SINCE IT WOULD BE AWKWARD FOR THE US TO SEEK TO CHANGE THE DATES AFTER 14 ALLIES HAVE FINALLY

AGREED TO THEM.

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